

REMARKS**Amendments to the Claims:**

The amendments to the claims have been made to more clearly define the invention as presently understood by the Applicant, to bring the claims into conformity with US practice and to amend any multiple dependent claims to depend from only one claim.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include features of claims 6, 7, 8 and 9. Claim 6 has been directed to the specific arrangement where a water retaining layer is provided on one surface only of the fins. Claims 7, 8 and 9 have been cancelled. Claim 10 has been limited to the case where the fins are formed of a laminate as defined in claim 1. Claim 14 has been amended to include the features of claims 15 and 19 and to more clearly define the different laminates as assembled according e.g. to Figure 10b. Claims 15 and 19 have been canceled.

New Claims:

New claim 20 is based on a combination of the features of original claims 1, 6, 9 and 10.

Claim 22 is based on the features of paragraphs [0087] and [0088].

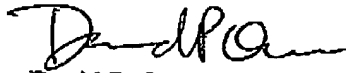
Claims 23 and 24 include the feature of original claim 20.

It is believed that no additional subject-matter has been introduced by the above amendments

Any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application is hereby requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the docket number shown above.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number given below in order to resolve any questions.

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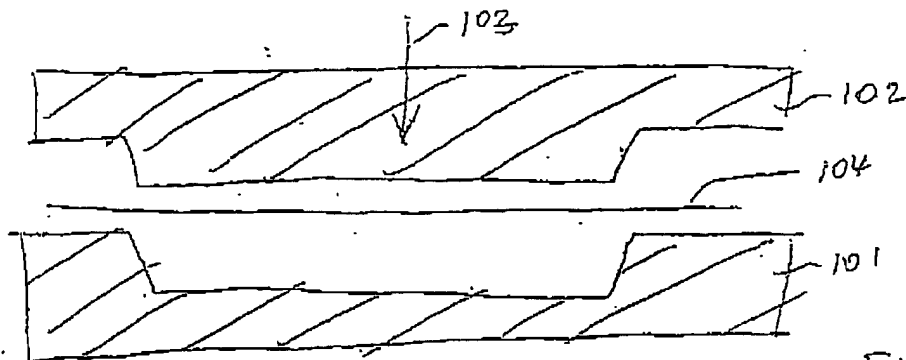


FIG. 10a

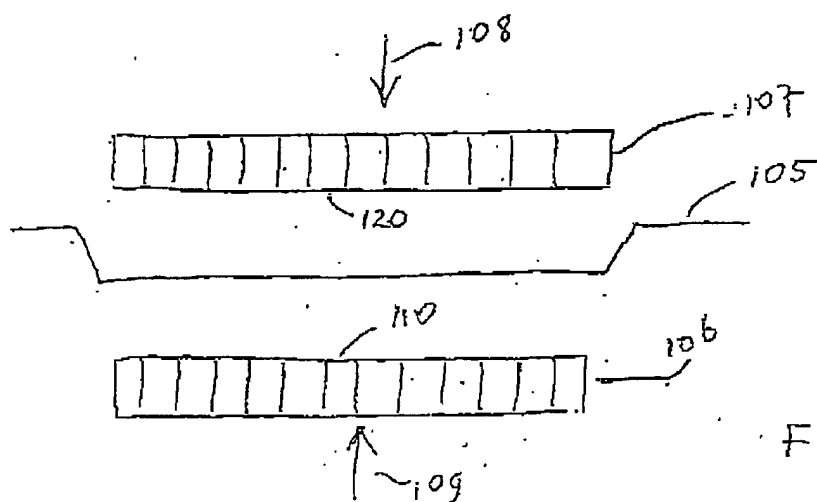


FIG. 10b

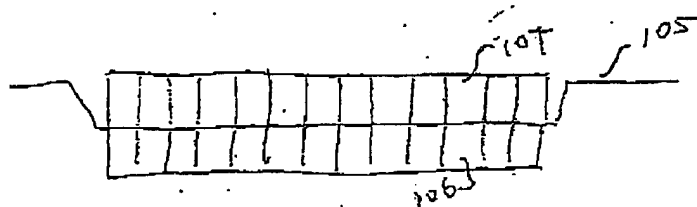


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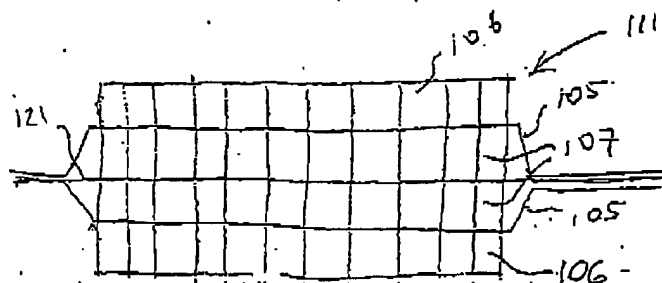


FIG. 10d

